Survey of Games Sanctuary, Assam

4578. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Zoological Survey of India etc. did not carry out any proper survey in the Games Sanctuary in Assam so far to ascertain bio-diversity; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) The Zoological Survey of India have surveyed the Manas Biosphere Reserve and the Kaziranga National Park in Assam to ascertain the status of the biodiversity in these areas.

(b) Does not arise.

Compilation of statistics on rose wood & teak wood

4579. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has compiled any statistics on the approximate rosewood and teakwood still standing in the Reserve Forests of Polavaram range, West Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to protect the existing stock of valuable teakwood and rosewood in that district ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Statistics have been compiled on the basis of the growing stock of 50 different species in Polavaram Range of West Godavari District by carrying out sample plot enumerations, as a part of the latest working plan exercise.

(b) As per the enumeration, the following is the estimated population of Teak and Rose wood in the Polavaram Range :

	No. of Trees/Ha.	Vol./Ha(Cum.)
Teak wood	2	0.510
Rose wood	4	0.474

The total number of Teakwood trees is estimated as 48720 and those of Rosewood as 97440.

(c) The following steps are being taken to protect the existing stock of valuable teakwood and rosewood in West Godavari District :—

(i) One Flying Squad party headed by a DFO has been established at Eluru, District Headquarters of West Godavari district to supplement the efforts of the DFO of Flying Squad party at Rajahmundry.

(ii) One mobile party with a van stationed at Koraturu on the bank of River Godavari to arrest smuggling.

(iii) Two more sections have been created with requisite staff for intensive management and strengthening protection.

(iv) One more new check-post has been opened at Mogulla on the way to Sitanagaram to Rajahmundry in addition to the existing three check-posts.

(v) During the rainy season, an additional motorboat is hired for three to four months to stop smuggling by River Godavari.

रोला हिमाचल प्रदेश में ग्रेट हिमालय नेशनल पार्क" का निर्माण

4580. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह** : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश के कुल्लू जिला में रोला नामक स्थान पर "ग्रेट हिमालय नेशनल पार्क" के निर्माण की अद्यतन स्थिति क्या है;

(ख) क्या प्रभावित व्यक्तियों को कलक्टर के निर्णय अनुसार भूमि का आबंटन